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SUBJECT: UNCTAD NATURAL RUBBER DISCUSSIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4879

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED BY EC OFFICIAL  
TRANH VAN THINH (SEE REFTEL, PARA 7).
2. THE DIRECT COSTS OF STORING RUBBER ARE ESTIMATED TO  
BE ABOUT 20 DOLLARS PER METRIC TON PER YEAR. THIS DOES  
NOT INCLUDE MOVING THE RUBBER INTO AND OUT OF STORAGE  
WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT 10 DOLLARS PER TON. THESE COSTS  
ARE FOR STORAGE IN MAJOR CENTERS OF INDUSTRIALIZED  
COUNTRIES. STORAGE COSTS IN LESS-DEVELOPED, RUBBER  
PRODUCING COUNTRIES MIGHT VARY.
3. RUBBER MUST BE STORED IN A DRY, DARK, AND WELL-  
VENTILATED ENVIRONMENT. THE US GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYS STANDARD MILITARY DEPOTS OF MASONRY  
OR CINDER BLOCK CONSTRUCTION TO HOUSE NATURAL RUBBER IN  
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THE US STRATEGIC STOCKPILE. ACCORDING TO GSA OFFICIALS, NO  
SPECIAL ROTATION OF THE RUBBER TAKES PLACE AND SOME HAS  
BEEN IN STORAGE FOR AS LONG AS 25 YEARS WITHOUT ANY NOTABLE  
DETERIORATION. CHRISTOPHER

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